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SUBJECT: KABUL FY 1979 CONSULAR PACKAGE

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1. THIS IS PART I OF SCHEDULE VI OF FY 1979 CONSULAR PACKAGE.

REST OF PACKAGE IS BEING SEND BY UNCLASSIFIED CABLE.

2. GOA REQUIRES DIPLOMATIC NOTES FOR ALL OFFICIAL NON-ACCREDITED TRAVELERS LEAVING THIS COUNTRY. NOTES ARE ALSO REQUIRED IN ALL LOST PASSPORT CASES AND FOR TRAVELERS WHO HAVE OVERSTAYED THEIR VISAS. THE EMBASSY MUST PREPARE SUCH NOTES REQUESTING EXIT VISAS FOR THIRD COUNTRY NATIONALS EMPLOYED BY THE MISSION AS WELL AS THEIR DEPENDENTS. NOTES ARE ALSO A PREREQUISITE FOR AFGHAN EMPLOYEES TO OBTAIN PASSPORTS AND MISSION CHAUFFEURS TO OBTAIN MULTIPLE EXIT/REENTRY VISAS. FINALLY THE EMBASSY MUST PREPARE NOTES FOR ALL AFGHAN EMPLOYEES WHO WISH TO OBTAIN ENTRY VISAS INTO THIRD COUNTRIES. ALL OF THE ABOVE NOTES ARE PREPARED BY THE CONSULAR SECTION.

3. ALL AFGHANS WHO WISH TO WORK FOR FOREIGN EMPLOYERS MUST FIRST OBTAIN GOA PERMISSION. SINCE THERE IS A SCARCITY OF LITERATE AND SKILLED CLERICAL WORKERS (LITERACY RATE IS ESTIMATED TO BE 8-10 PCT.) AND AMERICAN EMBASSY SALARIES FOR LOCAL EMPLOYEES ARE HIGHER THAN THOSE PAID BY GOA, THE GOVERNMENT USUALLY MONOPOLIZES

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MOST HIGHLY QUALIFIED WORKERS BY DENYING THEM PERMISSION TO ACCEPT POSITIONS IN THE EMBASSY. QUALIFIED POTENTIAL EMPLOYEES WHO ARE NOT IN THE GOVERNMENT'S GOOD GRACES ARE ALSO DENIED WORK PERMITS. THUS, A SIGNIFICANT PROPORTION OF EMBASSY LOCALLY-HIRED STAFF IS COMPOSED OF THIRD COUNTRY NATIONALS. TO BE EFFECTIVE IN CONSULAR WORK HOWEVER, THE CONSULAR SECTION'S TWO FSLs MUST BE NATIVE AFGHANS. UNFORTUNATELY, THEIR LEVEL OF

PERFORMANCE LEAVES MUCH TO BE DESIRED AND THE CONSULAR OFFICERS
MUST DO MANY OF THE CLERICAL DUTIES NORMALLY PERFORMED ELSEWHERE
BY FSLs. THE OFFICERS MUST ALSO EXPEND AN INORDINATE AMOUNT OF
TIME SUPERVISING THESE FSLs AND CHECKING TO DETERMINE THAT
ASSIGNED DUTIES ARE BEING PERFORMED CORRECTLY.
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